AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An isolated nucleic acid comprising a polynucleotide having ~~at least~~ 300 or more consecutive nucleotides of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1, or an isolated nucleic acid of complementary sequence.

2. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide of the entire sequence of SEQ ID No. 2, or an isolated nucleic acid of complementary sequence.

3. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide which has at least 20 ~~30~~ consecutive nucleotides of the sequence SEQ ID No. 3, or an isolated nucleic acid of complementary sequence; and provided that the consecutive polynucleotides do not comprise the sequence GCCTC CCAAA GTGCT GGGAT TACAG GCAT.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, comprising a polynucleotide which has ~~at least 30~~ 35 or more consecutive nucleotides of the sequence SEQ ID No. 5, or an isolated nucleic acid of complementary sequence.

6. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, wherein said nucleic acid modifies the transcription of a polynucleotide placed under its control.

7. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid is a polynucleotide comprising a sequence ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -200, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

8. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid is a polynucleotide comprising a sequence ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -300, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

9. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -600, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

10. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -2894, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

11. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +120 to the nucleotide at position -995, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

12. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +108 to the nucleotide at position -2228, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

13. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid activates the transcription of a polynucleotide of interest placed under its control.

14. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 6, wherein said isolated nucleic acid inhibits the transcription of a polynucleotide of interest placed under its control.

15. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid having at least 80% nucleotide identity with the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1.

16. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15, wherein said isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15 modifies the transcription of a polynucleotide placed under its control.

17. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15, wherein said isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15 is a polynucleotide comprising a sequence ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -300, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

18. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -600, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

19. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -200, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

20. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -2894, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

21. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +120 to the nucleotide at position -995, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

22. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 15, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +108 to the nucleotide at position -2228, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

23. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid which hybridizes, under high stringency hybridization conditions, with the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1.

24. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 23, wherein said isolated nucleic acid according to claim 23 modifies the transcription of a polynucleotide placed under its control.

25. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, wherein said isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24 is a polynucleotide comprising a sequence ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -300, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

26. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, wherein said isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24 is a polynucleotide comprising a sequence ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -200, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

27. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position -600, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

28. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position -1 to the nucleotide at position

-2894, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

29. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +120 to the nucleotide at position -995, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

30. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, comprising a polynucleotide ranging from the nucleotide at position +108 to the nucleotide at position -2228, with respect to the first nucleotide transcribed, which is located at position 2894 of the nucleotide sequence SEQ ID No. 1.

31. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, wherein said isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24 activates the transcription of a polynucleotide of interest placed under its control.

32. (Previously presented) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24, wherein said isolated nucleic acid according to claim 24 inhibits the transcription of a polynucleotide of interest placed under its control.

33. (Previously presented) An isolated nucleic acid comprising the isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1, further comprising a polynucleotide encoding at least one compound chosen from polypeptides of interest and nucleic acids of interest.

34. (Original) The isolated nucleic acid according to claim 33, wherein said polynucleotide encoding at least one compound encodes at least one nucleic acid of interest chosen from sense oligonucleotides and antisense oligonucleotides.

35. (Previously presented) A recombinant vector comprising at least one isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1.

36. (Original) The recombinant vector according to claim 35, wherein said vector is chosen from a recombinant cloning vector and a recombinant expression vector.

37. (Previously presented) A host cell transformed with at least one isolated nucleic acid according to claim 1.

38. (Original) A host cell transformed with a recombinant vector according to claim 35.

Claims 39-56. (Canceled)